

In the Specification:

At the top of page 1 of the specification, immediately below the title, please insert the following paragraph:

-- This application is a continuation of USSN 09/701,933, now pending, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/US98/17769, filed 08/27/1998, which is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/920,630, filed 08/27/1997, now abandoned.--

REMARKS

The amendment to the specification, claiming priority, is proper without the filing of a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(3) because the present application, which was filed on November 25, 2000, is an "application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) before November 29, 2000" [37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii)(B)], such that the time periods recited in 37 C.F.R. § 1.78(a)(2)(ii) do not apply.

FILING RECEIPT

On the Filing Receipt, under "Domestic Priority as claimed by the applicant," please add the following:

THIS APPLICATION IS A CON OF	09/701,933	08/20/01
WHICH IS A 371 OF	PCT/US 98/17769	08/27/98
WHICH IS A CIP OF	08/920,630	08/27/97 ABN

On the Filing Receipt, under Title, delete "Cortical bone cervical smith-robinson fusion implant" and substitute therefor -- Intervertebral Spacers --.

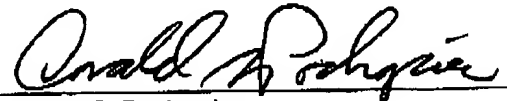
A marked up copy of the Official Filing Receipt, showing these changes, is attached hereto as Exhibit A. A copy of the Amendment, as cofiled with the PTO by mail on today's date, is attached hereto as Exhibit B.

In the event that any fees are due as a result of filing this paper, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge then to Deposit Account No. 13-0017 in the name of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.

Respectfully submitted,

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